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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: UK DRAFT LANGUAGE ON MULTILATERAL
NEGOTIATING FORUM IN MACHINERY SECTION OF SSOD FINAL
DOCUMENT.

1. ON JUNE 15 BRITISH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY (PACKENHAM)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT
OF PARA 8 OF MACHINERY SECTION OF SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT
AND ASKED FOR US REACTION.

BEGIN TEXT: "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMS THE CONTINUING
REQUIREMENT FOR A SINGLE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING FORUM
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OF LIMITED SIZE AND TAKING DECISIONS ON DISARMAMENT
QUESTIONS ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS: AND TO THIS END:

(I) ENDORSES THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE
COMPOSITION OF A DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
COMPRISING: (START BRACKET) LIST OF MEMBER STATES (END
BRACKET). (START BRACKET) THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE

SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CCD, AND (START BRACKET)
FOUR (END BRACKET) OTHER STATES TO BE SELECTED FOLLOWING
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. (END BRACKET).

(II) WELCOMES THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
STATES THAT THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE SHOULD:

(A) TAKE ITS DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS.

(B) ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH SHALL BE ITS
ONLY RULES OF PROCEDURE.

(C) REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TO NOMINATE AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE COMMITTEE AS
HIS PERSONAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE FUNCTIONS
SHALL BE TO ORGANIZE THE BUSINESS AND TIMETABLES OF THE
COMMITTEE, AND TO ASSIST AND ADVISE THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN.

(D) PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM OF ROTATION, AMONG ALL THE
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ITS
MEETINGS.

(E) ADOPT ITS OWN AGENDA TAKING NOTE OF RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE TO IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BY THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY.

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(F) SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY,
OR MORE FREQUENTLY AS NECESSARY, AND PROVIDE COPIES OF
ITS FORMAL DOCUMENTS TO ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS.

(G) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERESTED STATES, NOT MEMBERS
OF THE COMMITTEE, TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE WRITTEN
PROPOSALS OR WORKING DOCUMENTS ON MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT
WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION IN THE COMMITTEE
AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE AS WELL AS IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF APPROPRIATE
WORKING BODIES WHEN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SUCH PROPOSALS
OR WORKING DOCUMENTS IS EXAMINED.

(H) INVITE STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, UPON
THEIR REQUEST, TO EXPRESS VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE WHEN
THE PARTICULAR CONCERNS OF THOSE STATES ARE UNDER
DISCUSSION.

(III) WELCOMES THE INTENTION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE CCD TO DISBAND THAT COMMITTEE UPON THE FORMATION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE.

END TEXT.

2. ON JUNE 16, ACDA/MA OFFICER PROVIDED PACKENHAM WITH PRELIMINARY REACTION, INDICATING THAT WHILE US COULD NOT SUPPORT UK LANGUAGE AT THIS TIME (SINCE US HAD NOT COMPLETED ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON MACHINERY ISSUE), US WOULD NOT OBJECT TO UK INTRODUCING LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES OF THEIR DRAFT TEXT.

3. NOTING THAT US MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON UK LANGUAGE, ACDA/MA OFFICER OFFERED THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

A. WITH RESPECT TO SIZE OF THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING CONFIDENTIAL

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FORUM, THE US IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE CURRENT CCD MEMBERSHIP BUT WOULD HOPE TO HAVE ONLY A SMALL INCREASE. US IS TAKING A FLEXIBLE APPROACH AND DOES NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC NUMBER IN MIND. THE UK FORMULATION IN (I) POSES NO PROBLEMS.

B. UNDER (II), BOTH (A) AND (B) POSE NO PROBLEMS.

C. UNDER (II), (C), WE AGREE THAT THE "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" SHOULD BE THE PERSONAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL RATHER THAN BE PLACED IN THE UN STRUCTURE UNDER THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (A RUSSIAN).

D. UNDER (II), BOTH (D) AND (E) POSE NO PROBLEMS.

E. UNDER (II), (F), RATHER THAN STATE THAT "FORMAL DOCUMENTS" SHOULD BE PROVIDED, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER TO USE THE LANGUAGE WHICH DESCRIBES THE CCD'S CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PV'S DON'T BECOME "FORMAL" UNTIL THEY ARE PUBLISHED AT THE END OF THE CCD'S SUMMER SESSION.

F. UNDER (II), (G), WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE DESIRE TO PROVIDE NON-MEMBER STATES WITH MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE. WE SEE PROBLEMS WITH PERMITTING A NON-MEMBER TO "BUY" ITS WAY INTO NEGOTIATIONS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN PROPOSAL ON AN ISSUE UNDER NEGOTIATION. ACDA/MA OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT UK MIGHT WISH TO RECONSIDER THIS FORMULATION IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS THIS COULD PRESENT WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB.

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G. UNDER (II), (H) POSES NO PROBLEM.

H. UNDER (III), WE AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH AS LAST STEP. US WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISBAND CCD UNTIL A REPLACEMENT BODY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO BEING.

4. PACKENHAM) SAID THAT UK HAD NOT EXPECTED TO RECEIVE US SUPPORT AT THIS TIME BUT THAT US REACTION WOULD BE VERY USEFUL AND WAS APPRECIATED.

5. ACDA/MA OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT US AND UK REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, ON THE MACHINERY ISSUE. NEWSOM

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